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*Stated Meeting, October 5, 1888.*

Present, 20 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Mr. Alexander Biddle, a newly-elected member, was presented to the Chair and took his seat.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

A letter from Prof. Alphonse Favre, Geneva, accepting membership.

A letter from Capt. R. S. Hays, New York, acknowledging receipt of diploma.

A circular from the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, announcing "Awards for Meritorious Discoveries and Inventions."

A letter from Dr. D. G. Brinton, Philadelphia, accepting the appointment by the President to prepare an obituary notice of the late Philip H. Law.

A letter from Prof. J. P. Lesley, Philadelphia, accepting the appointment by the President to prepare an obituary notice of the late Henry Carvill Lewis.

Mr. Richard Vaux, at the request of the writer of the following letter, communicated it to the Society, with some prefatory remarks.

*"To the Honorable Frederick Fraley, President,  
and the Members of the American Philosophical Society:*

"I herewith present to the American Philosophical Society the sum of Five Thousand Dollars as an endowment fund, to be by its direction invested, and the income thereof devoted to the payment for a prize for the best Treatise on the Science and Philosophy of Jurisprudence, or any subject included in that term.

"It is my wish that the rules regulating the management, by the American Philosophical Society, of *The Henry M. Phillips Prize Essay Fund*, which I hereby endow as a tribute to the memory of my brother, who was a member of the Society, shall be made by

the Society as in its best judgment is deemed proper and necessary.

"If I may be permitted to make a suggestion, it would be that this Endowment Fund and its purpose be entrusted to a special, permanent or standing committee of the Society, to perform such duties as the rules governing the committee may require.

"With great respect,

(Signed)

"EMILY PHILLIPS.

"PHILADELPHIA, October 1, 1888."

Mr. Vaux moved that the gift be accepted, which motion was carried by an unanimous vote. Mr. Vaux then handed to the President the check of Miss Emily Phillips, to the order of the Society, for \$5000, which the President accepted on behalf of the Society.

On motion of Mr. Vaux, it was unanimously resolved, "That the subject be referred to a special committee of five members, to be appointed by the President at his leisure, who should report to the Society such rules and regulations as are best fitted to carry out the intentions of the donor."\*

Accessions to the Library were announced from the Bataaviaasche Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen; Pulkova Observatorij; Physikalische Gesellschaft, Berlin; Gartenbauverein, Darmstadt; Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Freiberg, i. B.; Prof. G. D. E. Weyer, Kiel; Physikalisch-Oekonomische Gesellschaft, Königsberg; Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein, Regensburg; Mr. A. Wallis, Stockholm; Royal Meteorological, Zoölogical Societies, Meteorological Office, Society of Antiquaries, "Nature," London; Prof. C. Piazzzi Smyth, Edinburgh; Royal Society of Canada, Mr. Henry Mott, Montreal; Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, Ottawa; "American Journal of Science," New Haven; New York Shakespeare Society, "The Forum," "Literature," "The Academe," New

\* Henry M. Phillips was born at Philadelphia, on June 30, 1811; was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society on January 20, 1871, and died on August 29, 1884. His obituary notice was read before the Society by Hon. Richard Vaux, on December 18, 1884 (Proc. xxii, 72).

York; Dr. D. Jayne & Son, Messrs. Henry Phillips, Jr., and Isaac Myer, Philadelphia; U. S. National Museum, U. S. Geological Survey, Surgeon-General's Office, "The American Monthly Microscopical Journal," Washington, D. C.; University of California, Sacramento.

A photograph was received from the Rev. Dr. George W. Anderson, Bryn Mawr, for the Society's album.

The Special Committee appointed to examine a paper for the Transactions, by Prof. J. C. Branner, entitled "*The Cretaceous and Tertiary Geology of the Sergipe-Alagoas Basin of Brazil*," reported in favor of its publication, and, on motion, the committee was discharged and the paper ordered to be printed.

Mr. Patterson DuBois read, by appointment, an obituary notice of the late James C. Booth.

Dr. Daniel G. Brinton read a paper on "The Language of Palæolithic Man."

Pending nomination No. 1180 was withdrawn.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

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*Stated Meeting, October 19, 1888.*

Present, 15 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

A letter from Mr. J. Sergeant Price, Treasurer of the Society, acknowledging the receipt from the President of the check for \$5000 given to the Society at its last meeting by Miss Emily Phillips.

The President communicated a copy of the letter sent by him to Miss Phillips acknowledging her gift.

A letter from the President of the Society stating that he had appointed as the Committee authorized by the Society at its last meeting to report to the Society rules and regulations